

Assembly Bill No. 1270

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2009, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 13958.5 to the Government Code, relating to victim's compensation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1270, Torrico. Victim's compensation: procedure.

Existing law provides that crime victims and derivative victims, as defined, may be awarded compensation by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board from the State Restitution Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, for the pecuniary losses they suffer as a direct result of criminal acts. The board is required to approve or deny applications, based on recommendations of the board staff, within an average of 90 calendar days and no later than 180 calendar days of acceptance by the board or victim center.

This bill would require the board, for purposes of meeting the requirement for the timely processing of applications, to adopt written procedures and timeframes for approving or denying applications and specified procedures for use in communicating with entities when verifying the required information. The bill would require the approval of the office of the State Chief Information Officer for the expenditure of \$5,000 or more by the board on or after January 1, 2010, with regard to any technology system that is utilized for the review of applications. The bill would also require the board to inform that office of any proposed changes to the technology systems utilized to review applications and would authorize the office to take appropriate action, as necessary, to review and evaluate those proposed changes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13958.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

13958.5. (a) For purposes of meeting the requirements of Section 13958 for the timely processing of applications, the board shall do both of the following:

(1) Adopt written procedures and timeframes for approving or denying applications.

(2) Adopt specified procedures for board staff to use when communicating with entities to verify the information required by this article, including appropriate timeframes for seeking responses and the number of attempts that should be made to achieve a response.

(b) The office of the State Chief Information Officer, in accordance with the policies, procedures, and requirements established pursuant to Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 11545) of Part 1, shall approve the expenditure of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by the board on or after January 1, 2010, with regard to any technology system that is utilized for the review of applications in accordance with Section 13958.

(c) The board shall inform the office of the State Chief Information Officer of any proposed changes to the technology systems utilized to review applications in accordance with Section 13958. The office of the State Chief Information Officer may take appropriate action, as necessary, to review and evaluate those proposed changes.

Approved _____, 2009

Governor